

REMARKS

Claims 25 and 27-29 are pending. By this Amendment, claim 25 is amended and claim 26 is canceled without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein. Applicants acknowledge and thank the Examiner for indicating that claims 27-29 are allowed and claim 26 contains allowable subject matter. However, for reasons as discussed below, it is believed that all the claims are allowable. Accordingly, reconsideration is respectfully requested.

I. The Claims Define Patentable Subject Matter

The Office Action rejects claim 25 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Heo (U.S. Patent No. 5,908,317) in view of Hashimoto (U.S. Patent No. 6,475,896). The rejection is respectfully traversed.

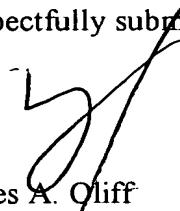
In particular, claim 25 incorporates the allowable subject matter of claim 26. Therefore, the rejection based on the combination of Heo and Hashimoto is now moot. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) is respectfully requested.

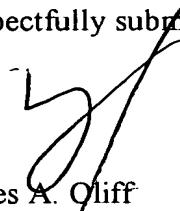
I. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 25 and 27-29 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

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